



"A SKYE SCRAPER"

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Most Adorable Ping Ponger. -

Your effusion of the strength
received and was very glad to hear from you. Have
you a copy of that oracle of wisdom which flashes from
the meteoric brain of George Dow, I am interested as
in Bert, ~~to~~ know if any mention was made of my
flying visit to Whitman. Bert was mentioned by the
"Bazoo" of the village where he was stopping as follows
"Mr Gerald B Mitchell managing editor of McClure's
magazine and justly famous as an author and
artist has been spending a few days with his
cousin & etc etc. Bert says he feels worth \$1,000. more
now. I have been keeping bachelors back in the
Mitchell apartment as B. has been gone since Sunday
and only got back today. I have been fairly busy
this week (Artemus Ward) and find it much
pleasanter to work than to loaf (and think of the
shopperse") I pulled about 18 dollars out of the
concern this week - which is more than I ever
raised in a week in my life. If I can do as

well as that every week I shall be on the road to
wealth. (not.) You see I got some of Bert's work, and he
is just so much out. but we can stand it. The trouble
is that a little brief prosperity (or what seems like an
indication of prosperity) spoils me, and I have eaten
and drunk about what I wanted with the result that
I am not so much richer than I was. It was nice to
have dishes and things to do as I liked, and I
did a lot of cooking and fussing around. My training
in housework acquired at Mrs B's stands me in good
stead and I have that much to be thankful for.

Washed dishes and did my own chamber work &
everything without wasting much time. Oh I am a
dotster (don't misread this and call it lobster)
haha joke! Well the house keeping part won't
interest you much. I am sure, so I will pass on to
my recreation. My work by the way was doing
two layouts for Wood, \$6 (3 apiece) which took me
about 1 day. retouching 3 photos at \$, each, about
an afternoon's work, and going around some
for Bert to the Knox and Astor library. which
will make \$2 more, then when B went away.
I had 2 photos more to do and two layouts: